

Hey, Cutie—What's Your Favorite URL?

While this may not sound as romantic as "Hey baby, what's your sign?," you'd best be prepared for this in the era of the Information Superhighway. URL is the acronym for Uniform Resource Locator, an address that you can use to find a specific document (or "site") on the World Wide Web (WWW). The WWW is the most popular and powerful resource on the Internet computer network.

The CSZ Adult Education Program is hosting its first computer learning course, "Introduction to the World Wide Web: Gay and Jewish Resources." Following the Jewish tradition of Saturday study, the course will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 2-5 pm in the CSZ library. CSZ member Drew Parker will teach the class beginning with an explanation of the terms and concepts of basic "internet-ese," so quickly becoming part of the American English vernacular. The remainder of the time will be spent actually accessing the Net. The class will provide information and a live demonstration for newcomers to get a basic understanding of the Web. It can also provide an opportunity for those who are Web-savvy to share and exchange information about the vast resources that are available on the Web, and to do a bit of group Web exploration. It will provide an overview of some of the gay and lesbian, as well as Jewish resources available on the Web, with some live visits to those sites. Come prepared to have fun and jump onto the Information Superhighway.

If you want additional information or think you want to attend, please call Claire Rappoport, Adult Education Committee chair (824-5007).

Reminder!

The town hall meetings on the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue will be held at CSZ on Wednesday, November 8, 7-9 pm and Sunday, November 12, 3-5 pm. Input from all CSZ members is wanted. See article on page 3.

New Members' Potluck

All recent new members, their families and partners, and CSZ members are invited to attend the next New Members' Potluck on Sunday, November 12, from 4-7 pm. This event will be hosted by CSZ President David Stein and his partner Alex Ingersoll at their home in the Castro. New members who have joined in the past year will be honored, and all members are encouraged to come meet, eat, and schmooze. For more information and directions, consult the flyer (available at services). To RSVP, please call Susan Stahl (333-6198). See you there!

HIV + Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners.

- Saturday, November 18, 3-5 pm: Spiritual Support Group with Rabbi Kahn, at the synagogue.

- Friday, December 15, 6 pm: Shabbat dinner at the home of a member (location TBA).

If you have any questions, or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, call Amy or Rabbi Kahn at the office (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim Training

Ruach Ami: Bay Area Jewish Healing Center will offer a four-part intensive training series for members, which will provide congregants with essential tools for visiting the sick in our own congregation.

The series is designed as training for members of the Bikkur Cholim Committee and those interested in joining the committee. Sessions will be taught by Ruach Ami's rabbinic staff, Rabbis Amy Eilberg, Nancy Flam and Jeffrey Silberman. In addition to studying traditional texts on illness, healing, death and dying, these sessions will cover: providing a compassionate presence, setting limits and boundaries of visiting, and exploring prayers of comfort, hope and healing.

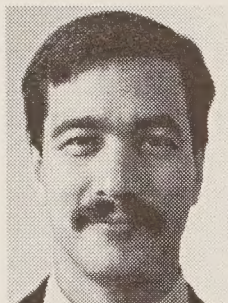
Members of Bikkur Cholim committees from around the Bay Area will meet together for training in providing care and comfort to those in need. The group will meet at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1301 Clement Street (at 14th Avenue) on November 20 and 29, and December 4 and 11 from 7-9 pm. Registration will take place through CSZ's Bikkur Cholim Committee. Please contact David Shaber (864-6040).



Our High Holiday ensemble, Jose Luis Moscovich, director. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Deepening Our Spiritual Practices

It's been about a month since the High Holidays. In my High Holiday sermons, I discussed a number of routes to deepening your own Jewish spiritual practice on a daily basis. The three exceptional sermons by our members Ora Prochovnick, Jonathan Pannor and Paul Cohen reflected on how to build and practice a Jewish spiritual life. If you did not hear any of these sermons, or would like to read what you heard, copies are available from the CSZ office.



Rabbi Yoel Kahn

In this column, I will offer some ways to follow up on the ideas we talked about during the Holidays. These are starting points; I encourage you to explore the richness of our heritage and your own creativity in order to deepen your own Jewish spiritual practice.

Daily Prayer

Begin your day with Trudi the Bag-Lady's exercise: "awe-robics." The text of the new arrangement for the "miracles of daily life" introduced at Yom Kippur morning services is available from the CSZ office. Create your own blessings of awareness and thanksgiving. Join in communal prayer at our weekly morning minyan or bi-weekly Healing Service.

To learn more about the origins and meanings of the traditional liturgy, I strongly recommend Reuven Hammer's *Entering Jewish Prayer* [Schocken, 1995]. This is a well-written, thoughtful and spiritually-aware guide to how the texts and forms of the traditional prayerbook came to be and how we can appreciate them fully and enter them today.

Motzi/Kashrut

Make a list of your values about shopping for, cooking and eating food. Is there a gap between what you think you believe and how you act? Add a *kavvanah* before you say your blessing. Ask yourself: why am I stopping to say this blessing? Choose one historical practice from kashrut that you want to take on as a mitzvah. Create a new *brechah* to say when you eat a vegetarian meal (or a meat one!), when you have made a special effort to prepare the meal, when

you are eating an all-organic meal....

Lashon Ha-ra/Speech

Pay attention to your inclination to speak disparagingly of others. Reflect on how you can use your speech to treat others with dignity. Refuse to cooperate with offensive humor.

Justice/Action on Homelessness

Keep a box of granola bars or some similar healthy, pre-packaged food in your car, carry an item in your backpack or briefcase. Even if you do not wish to give anything material, talk to a person for a minute or two. If you pass the same person every day, learn her or his name and say "hello" as you pass by. Support independence, jobs and dignity for homeless people by buying copies of the *Street Sheet* newspaper. Read it.

To get involved with homeless people, call Religious Witness with Homeless People (885-6401) or the Coalition on Homelessness (346-3740). We will have information on shelter volunteer opportunities in a future *Forward*.

Study Torah/Jewish Learning

Attend our monthly Torah study group. Get a friend and study a book or text together. If you are online, you can subscribe to a variety of Jewish news-groups or study forums. The Bureau of

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18 Years Ago in the Forward...

The *Forward* reprinted an article from the *San Francisco Examiner* dated October 14, 1977. The headline read "Band of Brothers: The City's gay synagogue." The four-column article described the synagogue's programs, services and prayerbook, and the reaction of the Bay Area Jewish community (several rabbis refused to comment, while Rabbi Hershman of the UAHC voiced support).

While CSZ members no doubt loved the publicity, the members of the congregation soon took pen to paper. Their letter to the editor states "[we] wish to express great dismay that you failed to convey the presence of a strong sisterhood in our newly forming congregation." The letter goes on to state, "women participated in such significant events as the reading of the Torah on Yom Kippur. Women are on the Finance Committee, women spearhead the Education Committee and the voices of women leading the congregation in age-old Jewish prayers and song is not uncommon. We ask you to print this to let other Jewish lesbians, gay men and their families know that there is a place for them in ... our synagogue."

And there is still a place for them.



Dona Rabinowitz staffing the membership table. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Va'ad Meeting Minutes

The October Va'ad meeting was postponed and a summary of the minutes will appear next month. Condensed minutes for the August and September Va'ad meetings follow below. Full transcripts are always available in the CSZ office.

Vaa'd Meeting: August 14, 1995

- Next year's Ma'ayan Campaign (Ma'ayan Tashna'v) will begin October '95. Programs requesting funding should be those that aren't currently funded, are visionary and new. Unfunded proposals could be the basis for a subsequent year's Ma'ayan campaign.

- Two Focus Groups/Town Meetings to discuss the role of the non-Jew at CSZ are planned for November. The role of the Task Force is to suggest policy to be brought before the Va'ad in ritual, governance and membership. The Va'ad will make a decision based on input (distilled from various committee chairs and the membership).

- The Va'ad began initial discussion on the issues of paying CSZ members for professional services, or hiring them for positions working for the synagogue

without requiring that they drop their membership (a long-standing policy). The issue was also discussed in more detail at the September Va'ad meeting.

- Funds from the Prayerbook fund to replace damaged High Holidays maczorim and provide additional copies for the overflow rooms were approved. The new ticket policy for High Holidays, and the need for additional ushers, were discussed.

Va'ad Meeting: September 11, 1995

- The Va'ad approved requests from the Building Fund to purchase an air conditioner for the office and finance conversion of the upstairs shower into additional storage space. A request to help fund Kadimah equipment from the Building Fund was also approved.

- Our new Program Coordinator and Youth Chavurah chair Dana Katz worked with Jim Frazin to plan the Yom Kippur discussion groups, and helped arrange the display of a panel from the Names Project.

- Growing Pains: The option of tearing down our existing structure and

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Task Force on Non-Jews

As many of you know, the Va'ad has set up a "Task Force on the Role of Non-Jews in the Synagogue." Congregations throughout the country are exploring the impact that the changing American Jewish community has on the synagogue. There are an increasing number of interfaith couples and families joining our synagogue.

Other non-Jews are joining because they enjoy the special spirituality that our synagogue offers. As these non-Jewish members become involved in congregational life, we are challenged to understand the balance between preserving the integrity of being a Jewish religious organization and responding sensitively to all those who choose to associate with us.

The spectrum of opinions on the task force is broad. We know that suggesting standards may cause disagreement, pain and some hurt feelings. We hope that our discussions will engender openness, respect and awareness of other feelings and beliefs.

Many questions have been raised. Some are:

- In ritual matters, must one be Jewish to bless the Shabbat candles during our services? May a non-Jew lead the Congregation in worship? How can a non-Jew participate in the Torah service? What should the role of the non-Jewish parent be during b'not and b'nai mitzvah ceremonies?

- What roles can non-Jews assume in the governance of the synagogue? May they be officers of the congregation? May they serve on the Va'ad? Which committees may they chair?

- Is outreach to interfaith couples a current goal of CSZ? Should we be encouraging non-Jewish partners of Jewish congregants to join? If so, is there some alternative to the current Affiliate membership?

- Who explains membership limitations?

Now that the task force has met with various committees, we want to talk to you. Whether you are part of an interfaith couple, a non-Jewish member of the congregation or an interested Jewish member of the congregation, we need your input. We will be holding two open "town meetings" at the Synagogue. See box on page 1 for the details.



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L'Dor Vador

Probably eight or nine years ago I started practicing a personal mitzvah of sounding the shofar for the children's services on Rosh Hashanah. At the end of the sounding, I would ask if any of the children wanted to come up and try to blow the shofar. A line would form, some holding the triple twisted ram's-horn alone while others needed a little help. Occasionally a faint tone could be heard. About two years ago, the sounds at these line-ups grew stronger, and I knew that we had some budding shofar sounders in our midst.



David Stein

This year I was all prepared to sound again. When I walked into the Children's Services I noticed three children with their own shofarot, a couple I recognized as veteran sounding students from last year. When it came time to sound the calls, the children went up front. I knew if I went up I would be out of place. It thrilled me to hear the clear strong sounds coming from such small bodies. And then I realized that the mitzvah

I had performed all these years was not limited to simply sounding but was the passing on to a new generation the thrill of sounding the shofar. I had succeeded without even knowing exactly what it was I was doing! As we chant during the kiddusha, *L'dor vador*, from one generation to the next.

Did you notice that at adult services, during the torah reading, three of our post b'nai mitzvah students chanted for us? Imagine, after their formal kadima training these three young people continue to study. They have learned from their teachers, our rabbi and their tutors (volunteers from our congregation) and have taken the next step on their own. We have shown them the path and they have begun to pave their own way with us. *L'dor vador*.

Our congregation today is the result of the mitzvah our earlier congregants have given to us. When I talk to new and prospective members, young students and retired people, gay and lesbian and not, single and coupled, with and without children—all are delighted to

find CSZ as their home for Jewish spiritual and community life. We must acknowledge that the mitzvah of founding this congregation and continuing to help it grow is as important to new members as it is for our children, for new members are who carry on our congregation. *L'dor vador*.

And we must continue the mitzvah ... in a number of specific ways. There are three domains that deserve your dedication in the next couple of years. First, we need new facilities. Whatever way you look at it, during 5756 we will begin a capital campaign for expansion or relocation. It will be your mitzvah avenue, providing for us now and for the next generations. Second, we must adjust our dues structure to provide additional paid staff and a richer infrastructure. By late spring, you will read more about this issue and no doubt participate in discussions about how best to effect the changes needed. And third, we must focus our efforts in concert to continue the development of our CSZ liturgy, for shabbat, high holidays, festivals, life cycle events and daily living, encompassing inclusive and feminized language and metaphor, diverse music, prayers and preparation guidelines. We have worked in these areas for ten or more years, and now recognize the need for diverse talents and multiple sources of money. Perhaps this is your mitzvah avenue.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a time for reflection and continuation. What each of us does at CSZ contributes to the next generation.

Bay Area Jews Give Tzedakah

The holiday of Thanksgiving and the Jewish philanthropic tradition called *tzedakah* will intersect this year when Bay Area Jews make contributions to provide critical social services.

Super Sunday, the annual phonathon of the Jewish Community Federation, is slated for Sunday, November 19—just before Thanksgiving.

Super Sunday dollars provide emergency food, shelter, cash, medical care, day care, job counseling and training, help for troubled teens and housing for the elderly, among other services.

More than 1,000 volunteers annually staff phones and provide other assistance in three-hour shifts at Super Sunday locations in San Francisco and Palo Alto. For information on volunteering, or making a gift for Super Sunday, call the SF JCF office (777-0411), or the Palo Alto JCF office (494-8444).



Judith Cohen and Shirley Liberman setting up the oneg. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

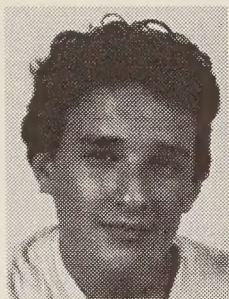
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Call Friends for Life (557-4352), for more information. Se habla Español. Friends for Life is an outreach project of the San Francisco Public Library, funded by the Federal Library Services and Construction Act.

Isaac Chotner- Whitebrook Bar Mitzvah

On Saturday, November 11, Isaac Chotner-Whitebrook will be called to the Torah on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. Isaac is an 8th grader at Claremont Middle School in Oakland, where his favorite subjects are math and physical education. Isaac loves all sports, especially basketball. When he's not studying, shooting hoops or playing other sports, he likes to hang out with his friends and sleep! Isaac says that his Bar Mitzvah means a lot to him. "I'll be an adult, according to Jewish law. I'll be more respected and I'll do things a little differently." The congregation extends a *mazel tov* to Isaac and his entire family.



Women's Chavurah Seeks New Leadership

by Dona Rabinowitz, Chair

As of this month, I will have chaired the Chavurah for two years. It has been a wonderful opportunity to get to know the women at CSZ and also to work together in mutual activities with the Brotherhood. However, due to my many other commitments, I would like to resign as Women's Chavurah chair, effective December 1. I would be more than glad to remain on a Chavurah planning committee or even perhaps to co-chair the Chavurah. Please contact Lea at the CSZ Office if you would like to volunteer to chair or co-chair. Or, if you agree with me that creation of a Women's Chavurah Planning Committee is a good idea, please call me (864-5432) with your ideas and perhaps we can hold a brain-storming session with other CSZ leaders to make this happen.



Jeff Forman and Tova Green, High Holiday coordinators. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

High Holidays Blood Drive

The 28 donors who gave of their blood and time at CSZ's annual blood drive are much appreciated. The drive, co-sponsored by the Women's Chavurah and the Brotherhood, was held at the Irwin Blood Bank on Saturday, September 30. Thanks to event coordinator, Stephan Howard.

Exciting Teen Program

Do you have junior or senior year high school teens looking for an exciting way to be involved in the community? The Jewish Civics Initiative (JCI) offers teens a three-component program: curriculum, a Washington, D.C. experience, and community internship. The opportunity is available through the Board of Jewish Education's Teen Program. For more information, contact Yael Lazar Paley, (751-6983, ext. 124).

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Steve Leeds, in memory of Joe Leeds.
Susan L. Feldman, in honor of the Bikkur
Cholim committee.

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becoming a member of CSZ.

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Melissa Grossman & Angie Naples, in
appreciation of Jonathan Comisar's
beautiful cantorial services at their
wedding.
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appreciation of Jeff Forman.

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Pannor's Rosh Hashanah sermon.
Carla Haimowitz, in appreciation of
services.

Susan L. Feldman & Jeffrey J. Argentos, in
memory of Hyman Elman.

Kaiser Brunch Fund

Allan Berenstein, in memory of Hyman
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thanks for Dan Alpert and Eric Weiss for
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honor of Rabbi Kahn for all his warm
humor and guidance in the preparation
and officiation of their marriage.
Ann Bauman, in memory of Jane Mann
Bauman.
Ron Wilmot, in memory of Frank Hyman.

Prayerbook Fund

Paul Cohen & Bob Gutterman, to com-
memorate the yahrzeit of Erma Sparer.

Thomas L. Yazman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Susan Geifman, in memory of Thomas
Yazman.

Va'ad

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rebuilding a larger sanctuary in the same
space has been deemed impossible, due
to neighborhood issues. A second op-
tion of remodeling our existing base-
ment for oneg and Kadimah use, plus
expanding the sanctuary backwards
into the current oneg room, would re-
quire jacking up the building and a new
foundation, minimally estimated at
\$45,000. This would expand our seating
capacity from 125 to 250 people. The
only remaining options are either rental
or purchase of new property elsewhere.
The Va'ad also discussed the pros and
cons of holding services elsewhere for
special lifecycle events (bar/bat mitz-
vah, kiddushin, etc.) that require a larg-
er space.

- The need for a wider range of adult
education topics, especially those which
are more activity-oriented and hands-
on, was discussed at the Advance and
again at the Va'ad meeting.

- There was a discussion on what
paid positions and contract work op-
portunities are appropriate to employ
CSZ members. A final statement of the
policy will be presented next month.

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Many people gave a gift of their time to help make the holidays happen for all of us!

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Ritual Coordinators: Tova Green and Larry Wexler.

Service Leaders and Gabai's: Bruce Barishman, Brian Besser, Johanna Ceapach Choinn, Tiela Chalmers, Daniel Chesir, Alison Cohen, Jonathan Comisar, Lyssa Friedman, Jonathan Funk, Barak Gale, Susan Gelmis, Jonathan Goldman, Ellen Goldstein, Tova Green, Sara Haber, Batya Kalis, Rose Katz, Eileen Levy, Ora Prochovnick, Claudio Resnick, Martha Rosett, Ruth Schoenbach, Kathy Simon, Susan Unger, Dana Vinicoff, Steve Weitz, Larry Wexler, Nina Wouk, Frank Yellin.

Sermonizers: Paul Cohen, Jonathan Pannor, Ora Prochovnick.

Torah and Haftarah Readers: Judy Schwartz (coordinator), Brian Besser, Mark Bowers, Daniel Chesir, Jonathan Comisar, Rabbi Nancy Flam, Ethan Frazin, Batya Kalis, Rose Katz, Evan Kuluk, Eileen Levy, Ma'ayan Lieberman, Ora Prochovnick, Kathy Simon, Frank Yellin.

Shofar Sounders: Dev Felder Noily (coordinator), Sharma Gaponoff, Ruby Cymrot-Wu, Ron Lezell, Eloise Magenheimer.

Children's Services: Carolyn Pines (service leader), Danielle Billinkoff, Diana Buchbinder, Judith Cohen, Rebecca Docters-Cohen, Cody Fine, Ethan Frazin, Kellen Kaiser-Klimist, Evan Kuluk, Max Rossoff-Nichols and our Shofar Sounders: Mischa Singer-Fierer and Jackie Mauro.

Emsemble: Jose Luis Moscovich (conductor), Brian Besser, Troy Cascia, Rebecca Collins, Steven Elman, Fred Fishman, Terry Fletcher, Debby Gelber, Debby Jacobs-Levine, Eileen Levy, Dona Rabinowitz, Ruth Rainero, Beth Rubin, Nina Jo Smith, Michele Sullivan. Accompanists: Dan Glover and Robert Schwartz. Violinist: Randy Weiss.

Yom Kippur Tikunim (Discussion Groups): Jim Frazin (coordinator), Donald Abrams, Peter Barnes, Maxine Epstein, Lucy Fine, Lyssa Friedman, Barak Gale, Jerry Gefner, Tova Green, Dan Grossman, Neil Grungras, Batya Kalis, Lisa Katz, Ida Kuluk, Robin Leonard, Ron Lezell, Greta Miskatel, Jeanette Nichols, Fran Peavy, Gary Sokol, Shelly

Spiro, Frank Yellin.

Child Care: Nancy Meyer (chair) and David Couch (co-chair), Bobby Becker, Tiela Chalmers, Lynn Eden, Fran Frohlich, Greer Hauptman, Lisa Katz, Ron Lezell, Judy Macks, Eve Meyer, Ora Prochovnick.

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And a special thanks from all of us to Rabbi Kahn and our dedicated office and staff: Lea Salem, Amy Clark and Dana Katz.



Shofar blowers Eloise Magenheimer, Dev Felder Noily and Sharma Gaponoff. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Prayerbook Dedications

The following prayerbook dedications arrived too late to be included in the October *Forward*:

Peter Barnes, in memory of Leo Barnes.

Ronald Wilmot, in loving memory of Frank Hyman.

Nathan Robinson, in memory of his zaida, Max Shore.

Nathan Robinson, in memory of his cousin, Brent Robinson.

Holocaust Victims Registry

A concerted effort is now under way to discover the identity of victims of the Holocaust. It is called "And These Are the Names of the Children of Israel"—The International Registry of the Names of Holocaust Victims. The Registry is searching out every person who has knowledge of a Holocaust victim and is collecting and recording this knowledge, which will be placed in the archives of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Members of CSZ can play a substantial role in creating a complete registry, because many of the names still exist in the memories of people who are still alive. The "Page of Testimony" form is available through the CSZ office for anyone who has names to be included in this registry.

Onegs

These generous people sponsored onegs during the month of October:

- 6 **G'dali Braverman**, to commemorate the yahrzeit of Dr. Andrew Zysman.
- 13 **Bill Denebeim & Mark Vogel**, in honor of their Ceremony of Affirmation.

Rabbi

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Jewish Education recommends Sh'ma Online, sponsored by Sh'ma magazine, one of the most active discussions of Torah and its relation to Jewish life today. To subscribe to this list, send e-mail to: listproc@shamash.nysernet.org and in the body of the message type "subscribe shma <your name>." The moderated discussion of Sh'ma Online includes topics suggested by participants but not necessarily linked to the weekly Torah portion. CSZ members Frank Yellin and Anne Ludden are pulling together a CSZ cyber Torah study. The synagogue subscribes to a weekly Torah commentary service. If you would like to subscribe, send a message to csz-torah-study-request@pan.eng.sun.com.

Family Reading Series

"Book Time for Families" is a new program offered at the Jewish Community Library, 601 14th Avenue, San Francisco, beginning on December 3 at 2 pm. This partnership between the Jewish Community Library and the Jewish Family Education Project aims to encourage families to take home Jewish books and to provide an engaging and interactive program for families in a library setting. For more information, call Jonathan Schwartz (751-6983, ext. 129).

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Anniversaries

- 1 Nancy Wecker & Lisa Wuennenberg
- 1 Barak Gale & Joe Puchot
- 5 Ellie Cohen & Greta Miskatel
- 6 James Edlin & Eve Meyer
- 7 Jay Davidson & Tom Hartland
- 8 Michael Bettinger & Bob Goldstein
- 12 Susan Lubeck & Julia Velson
- 13 Andrew Parker & Mike Siani
- 17 Lisa Katz & Sharon Heath
- 24 Ann Daniels & Jonathan Zingman

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Naches

To **Beth Ross & Laura Trupin** on the birth of Maia Felice Ross Trupin.

To **Margarita Bekker & Chris Dulmage** on the birth of Aaron Wright Bekker-Dulmage.

To **Sylvia Weisenberg** on her new position with BeProud in Seaside, Oregon. Congratulation on her new job and her move.

To **Shelley Samuels** on her new position as Senior Personnel Analyst at San Francisco General Hospital.

To **Maxine Epstein** on becoming Director of the Marin Region of the Jewish Community Federation.

To **Bill Denebeim & Mark Vogel** on their Ceremony of Affirmation.

To **Ann Daniels & Jonathan Zingman** on celebrating their 10th anniversary.

To **Barak Gale & Joe Puchot** on celebrating their 10th anniversary.

To **Jay Davidson & Tom Hartland** on celebrating their 5th anniversary.

To **Lisa Katz & Sharon Heath** on celebrating their 5th anniversary.

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CSZ Awarded Jewish Family Education Grant

The synagogue has received a 1995-1996 planning grant from the Jewish Family Education Project to implement a family education program. The Project is designed to support Jewish family education and foster a relationship between home and school. It is a collaboration between the Bureau of Jewish Education and the Jewish Community Federation, and is funded by the Jewish Community Endowment Fund. For more information about this program, contact Phyllis Mintzer or the office.

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Birthdays

- 1 Steven Polsky
- 2 Elaine Weissman
- 3 Elaine Porter
- 3 Benjamin Ritzma-Porter
- 3 Jordan Hauer-Laurencin
- 4 Matty Person
- 5 Eric Weiss
- 5 Seth Frohman
- 6 Ruby Gold
- 8 Tova Green
- 8 Misha Cohen
- 9 Stephan Howard
- 9 Neil Sechan
- 10 Elijah Lezell Jatovsky
- 12 Micha Klain-Chavez
- 12 Tess Johnson
- 13 Zachary Barnes Miller
- 13 Ezekiel Shields Wald
- 14 Linda Gordon
- 14 Jonathan Goldman
- 16 Ruth Rainero
- 18 Joel Levine
- 19 Ronalda Murphy
- 21 Mara Shuster Lefkowitz
- 22 Byron Sigal
- 24 Joshua Schechtel
- 24 Ellie Cohen
- 24 Mark Bowers
- 25 Julia Becker
- 25 Daniel Grossman
- 26 Nancy Kates
- 26 Cheri Pies
- 28 Judy Schwartz
- 28 Alison Cohen
- 28 Beatrice Lieberman
- 29 Nina Kaiser
- 29 Hal Podgur
- 29 Mark Vogel

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Nov./Dec. Oneg Schedule

As described in the October, 1995 *Forward*, every CSZ member who lives in the immediate Bay Area has been assigned to volunteer at **one** oneg each year. The schedule for the next two months is below. (If you have asked the synagogue not to print your name in the newsletter, your name will not appear on the schedule, however, you are still assigned for the week where your name falls alphabetically.) You'll also be called or sent a postcard reminding you that your week is coming up. Volunteering

November 3

D. Abrams
M. Abramson
J. Adelberg & L. Jenkins
A. Adelson
S. Adler & S. Weinstein
D. Agre

November 10

D. Alpert & E. Weiss
D. Angel & R. Murphy
J. Ap'neva & N. Wouk
J. Atteridg
A. Austin & D. Hibbert-Jones

November 17

J. & M. Bachert
J. Baer
J. Baer
L. Baldwin
B. Barishman
P. Barnes & L. Bernstein
R. Barnett

means:

- set up the oneg (come at 7:30 and put up hot water, pour juice/wine, set out food)
- clean up the oneg (put away food/drinks, collect plates, wash dishes, wipe off tables), or
- bring food (some cookies, a cake, some kugel, cut vegetables, some fruit or whatever you want, as long as it's vegetarian).

Please call the oneg chair, Allan Gianini (255-8117) a week in advance to

November 24

G. Barr & M. Epstein
H. Barth
K. Barton & S. Rosenberg
A. Baum
A. Bauman
D. Bauman
B. Becker & E. Press

December 1

J. Becker
J. Behr
M. Bekker
A. Berenstein
J. Berkowitz & S. Connell
S. Berlin
C. Bernard & H. Herman

December 8

I. Bernstein & D. Desmond
R. Bernstein & S. Mizner
B. Besser
M. Bettinger
A. Biderman
B. Billinkoff
B. Bishop & A. Weston

confirm what you want to do. We'll provide instructions for people setting up and cleaning up. Participation each week is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the primary goal being getting enough people to set up and clean up. If you have circumstances which make it impossible for you to help with an oneg at any time, please let Allan know.

If you have volunteered at an oneg since August 4, 1995, you have fulfilled your 1995-1996 oneg obligation and can ignore your name when it appears.

December 15

M. Blachman & A. Gentile
P. Blanc & G. Sokol
N. Bloom
A. Blumenfeld

December 22

M. Bowers
R. Brand
A. Brandstein
G. Braverman
L. Brill
B. Brown & J. Choinn

December 29

M. Brown
C. Bryan
D. Buchbinder
P. Byers & E. Dunn

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Precious Stone Found!

Member Bon Brown found a precious stone during Yom Kippur services at the Unitarian Center. If you think it's yours, call Bon (510/528-3735). If you describe it, you can have it.

Members' Yahrzeits

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| 7 | Donald Albert |
| 8 | Harvey Levine |
| 9 | Richard D. Wright |
| 11 | Bruce Apter |
| 22 | Tristano Palermino |

Synagogue Information

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Officers:

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Rabbi Kahn's Asst., Amy Clark
Program Coord., Dana Katz

Committee Chairs:

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ARZA contact, Ron Lezell
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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm. Please call the synagogue office at 861-6932.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 861-6938.

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have the rabbi or a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Mike Rankin, Robin Leonard, liaisons) and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Lane Schickler, liaison).

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am—check calendar for each month. Morning Minyan meets Mondays at 8:30 am.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

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| 1 Wednesday 8 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:15 pm, Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew 1B 8:30 pm, Jewish Faith and Heritage | 10 Friday 17 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30 pm, Niggun service 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Daniel Chesir and Tova Green | 17 Friday 24 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Rabbi Kahn, Lyssa Friedman and Yonah Barth 8:15 pm, East Bay service: Larry Wexler | 25 Saturday 2 Kislev |
| 2 Thursday 9 Heshvan | 11 Saturday 18 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am, Kadimah 10 am, Shabbat service, MCC, 150 Eureka St. Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Chotner-Whitebook 2 pm, Intro to World Wide Web: Gay and Jewish Resources, taught by Drew Parker | 18 Saturday 25 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am, Kadimah 3-5 pm, HIV+ support group at CSZ 4:30 pm, Torah study | 26 Sunday 3 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 am, Kaiser brunch |
| 3 Friday 10 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 pm, Shabbat musical service: Jonathan Comisar and Rabbi Kahn | 12 Sunday 19 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-5 pm, Town hall meeting on the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue 4 pm, New member potluck | 19 Sunday 26 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Super Sunday | 27 Monday 4 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am, Morning Minyan |
| 4 Saturday 11 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am, Kadimah | 13 Monday 20 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am, Morning Minyan 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting | 20 Monday 27 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am, Morning Minyan 6 pm, Healing service 7 pm, Newsletter layout 7-9 pm, Bikkur Cholim training | 28 Tuesday 5 Kislev |
| 5 Sunday 12 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 am-5 pm, Jewish Women's Conference, Fashion Center | 14 Tuesday 21 Heshvan | 21 Tuesday 28 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 pm, Membership Committee meeting | 29 Wednesday 6 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Assembly of UAHC in Atlanta through December 3 7-9 pm, Bikkur Cholim training 7:15 pm, Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew 1B 8:30 pm, Jewish Faith and Heritage |
| 6 Monday 13 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 am, Morning Minyan 6 pm, Healing service | 15 Wednesday 22 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 pm, Newsletter editing 7:15 pm, Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew 1B 8:30 pm, Jewish Faith and Heritage | 22 Wednesday 29 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No classes, Thanksgiving break | 30 Thursday 7 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee meeting 7 pm, Newsletter distribution |
| 7 Tuesday 14 Heshvan | 16 Thursday 23 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 pm, Bikkur Cholim meeting | 23 Thursday 30 Heshvan Thanksgiving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office closed | 1 Friday, December 1 8 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat service: Rabbi Kahn, Tiela Chalmers and Yonah Barth 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Kathy Simon and Lane Shickler |
| 8 Wednesday 15 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7-9 pm, Town hall meeting on the role of the non-Jew in the synagogue 7:15 pm, Beginning Prayerbook Hebrew 1B 8:30 pm, Jewish Faith and Heritage | | 24 Friday 1 Kislev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Nina Wouk and Eileen Levy | |
| 9 Thursday 16 Heshvan | | | |

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

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